



*In Honor of Carleton P. Merrill
Husband * Veteran * Alderman * Friend
September 3, 1924 – January 23, 2013*

Have a great Columbus Day Weekend!

NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS – OCTOBER 11, 2013

NEWS & NOTES

Board Portrait – The Board portrait for this term will be held on **Monday, October 21st at 7:30p.m.** in the War Memorial prior to our full Board meeting. Please wear your Sunday best!!

- **Land Use Committee** – The committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00p.m.** in the Chamber.
- **Finance Committee** – Due to the *Columbus Day* holiday, the committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00p.m.** in Room 222.
- **Zoning and Planning Committee** - Due to the *Columbus Day* holiday, the committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 16th at 7:45p.m.** in Room 202.
- **Next Full Board Meeting** – At our full Board meeting on **Monday, October 21st**, we will be joined by the Mayor for the presentation of the FY15 to FY19 *Capital Improvement Plan*. This will just be the Mayor's presentation. We will hold the required public hearing at a later date.

REMINDERS

- None at this time

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- **Zervas Working Group Update** - *Submitted by Ald. Ruthanne Fuller, Ald. John Rice and Ald. Deb Crossley* – The Designer Selection Committee interviewed five firms for the position of Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for the Zervas elementary school project. The Committee members ranked the top three firms in the following order:

1. Joslin Lesser & Associates
2. Compass Project Management
3. Dore & Whittier Management Partners

The Committee voted unanimously to rank Joslin Lesser at the top of the list. The Mayor reviewed the recommendation of the Designer Selection Committee and selected Joslin Lesser. So, the folks from Joslin Lesser are on board. They were immediately put to work drafting the outline of the feasibility assessment and the request for services for architectural design. As a reminder, Joslin Lesser is also the OPM for the Angier project. We have the same core group from Joslin Lesser on both projects, including Jeff Luxenberg, David Krawitz, and Melissa Gagnon.

➤ **Fire Headquarters and Station 3 Working Group** - *Submitted by Ald. Richard Blazar, Vicki Danberg and Jay Ciccone* – The Fire Headquarters and Station 3 Working Group met monthly over the summer to study the replacement or renovation of the Headquarters Building and the replacement of the Station 3 Fire Station. Preliminary options that have been discussed include:

1. Whether to renovate or replace the Headquarters Building and if it could be moved to another location on the site or to an alternate site. In addition, should the building continue to be used solely in support of the Fire Department's programming needs or would a change in use (for example, a Fire Museum and/or other uses) be better suited for this building. The building's historic value was also reviewed.
2. Establishing the site boundaries and location of a new Station 3, including the right size of a new building, number of apparatus bays, and exit orientation along Centre Street instead of Willow Street.
3. Examining the adjoining properties to determine if the City should look at purchasing, leasing, seeking easements or possibly land swaps to better situate a new fire station and Headquarters. Such properties primarily include the Dellaria Salon at the corner of Centre and Willow Streets and the State Property to the south of the Headquarters Building, which houses the MassWaterResources Authority's aqueduct.
4. A Review of the timetable for the Overall Project Schedule and completion.

At least six options were proposed for situating the Headquarters Building and Station 3. The siting of these buildings raised a number of concerns, including whether the Dellaria Salon could be purchased and if so for how much, or if the Dellaria property could be swapped for other property owned by the city further down on Willow Street. Putting one of the buildings on the Aqueduct property was another possibility which would involve discussions with the State and MWRA as to whether they would entertain proposals by the City to put a building on a small portion of this property. It was suggested that these entities be contacted to see if these possibilities were worth pursuing.

